
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE

The Fertilisers (Amendment) Regulations 1997

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th June 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>23rd June 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>14th July 1997</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 66(1), 68(1), (2) and (3), 69(1), (3), (6) and (7), 70(1), 74(1), 74A(1), (2) and (4) and 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with section 84(1) of the said Act with such persons or organisations as appear to them to represent the interests concerned, and the Secretary of State, being the Minister designated(2) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(3) in relation to the regulation and control of classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 2(2), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fertilisers (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 14th July 1997.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Fertilisers Regulations 1991(4).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2. The principal Regulations are hereby further amended in accordance with regulation 3 below.

3. In the table in Schedule 1—

- (a) in Group 1(a) of section A (Straight Fertilisers), after the provisions relating to the material Ammonium sulphonitrate with dicyandiamide (nitrification inhibitor), there shall be inserted in columns (2) to (5) the contents of Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and

(1) 1970 c. 40; section 74A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68) and there are other amendments to the Act not relevant to these Regulations. The definition of “the Ministers” in section 66(1) was amended by S.I.1978/272.

(2) S.I. 1976/897.

(3) 1972 c. 68.

(4) S.I. 1991/2197, amended by S.I. 1995/16.

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- (b) in section E (Secondary Nutrient Fertilisers), after the provisions relating to the material Magnesium sulphate solution, there shall be inserted in columns (2) to (5) the contents of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

18th June 1997

Jeff Rooker
Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

17th June 1997

Sewel
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish
Office

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

18th June 1997

Win Griffiths
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh
Office

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(a)

Urea-ammonium sulphate	Product obtained chemically from urea and ammonium sulphate containing not less than 30% nitrogen (N).	Amount of:	0.5
		Total nitrogen:	} As set out in paragraph 7(a) of this Schedule
		Ammoniacal nitrogen;	
		Ureic nitrogen;	0.9
	Minimum ammoniacal nitrogen content: 4%.	Water-soluble sulphur trioxide;	
Minimum sulphur content expressed as sulphur trioxide: 12%.	Maximum biuret content: 0.9%.		

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3(b)

Magnesium hydroxide	Product obtained chemically and having as its essential ingredient magnesium hydroxide and containing not less than 60% MgO.	Total magnesium oxide	0.9
	Particle size: at least 99% able to pass through a sieve with a mesh of 0.063 mm.		
Suspension of magnesium hydroxide	Product obtained by suspension of magnesium hydroxide and containing not less than 24% MgO.	Total magnesium oxide	0.9

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Fertilisers Regulations 1991 (“the principal Regulations”) and implement Commission Directive [96/28/EC](#) (OJNo. L140, 13.6.96, p.30) adapting to technical

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progress Council Directive [76/116/EEC](#) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fertilisers.

The Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations, which relates to prescribed descriptions of material, meanings of names, particulars and information to be contained in the statutory statement and limits of variation, as regards fertilisers specified in the Table to that Schedule, by specifying additional fertilisers which may, in accordance with Commission Directive [96/28/EC](#), be designated as “EEC fertilisers” (regulation 3(a) and (b) and the Schedules).